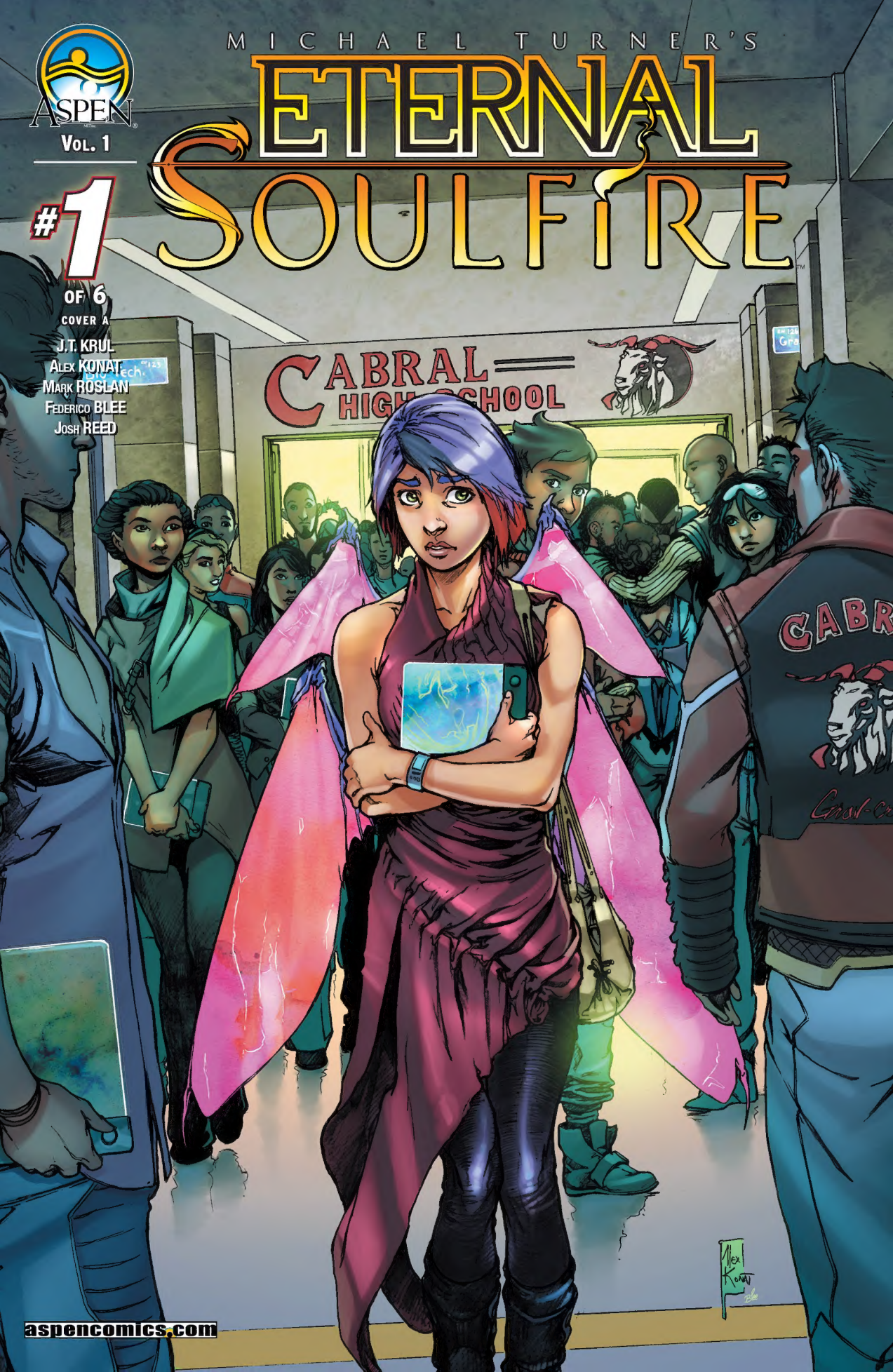
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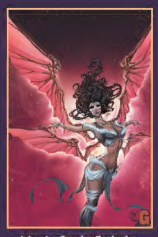

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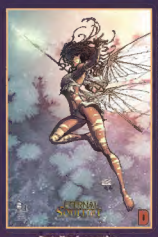

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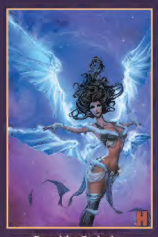

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SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA.
SJPD
GUESS THEY WERE RIGHT TO CALL US IN?
REMINDS ME OF MY TOUR IN EGYPT. PLACE IS A FRIGGIN' WAR ZONE.
POOR BASTARDS. WHERE WAS THEIR BACK-UP?
SJS
ALERT
I THINK I FOUND IT.
WHAT COULD DO SOMETHING LIKE THIS?
UM... GUYS?

TWELVE O'CLOCK!
RAAAAWWR!

ZZAK!
FIRE!
ZZAK!
NNNNGH...
ZZAK!
TAK!/
AHHHH--
GRAWL
NO!!
THE HYDRANT!

FWOOSH!
ZZAK!
DAMN YOU!
ZZAK!
AAAAAW
RR!!!
BZZZZTTT
DAMN YOU TO HELL.

MOVE! GET THAT THING ON BOARD. WE'RE AIRBORNE IN SIXTY SECONDS!
THEY WERE GOOD MEN.
OZ-FOOD
LAST MAN STANDING, I SEE?
TELL ME-- ARE YOU ANY GOOD OR JUST LUCKY?
SIR, WHAT *WAS* THAT THING?
YOU *REALLY* WANT TO KNOW? I CAN SHOW YOU...

"...BUT IT AIN'T GOING TO BE PRETTY."
I DON'T EVEN LIKE TO OPEN MY EYES IN THE MORNING.
I DON'T WANT TO SEE THEM.
SEE WHAT I'VE BECOME.
TO FACE THE DAY, I DO THE ONLY THING I CAN. I HIDE IT...
...AND HOPE FOR THE BEST.

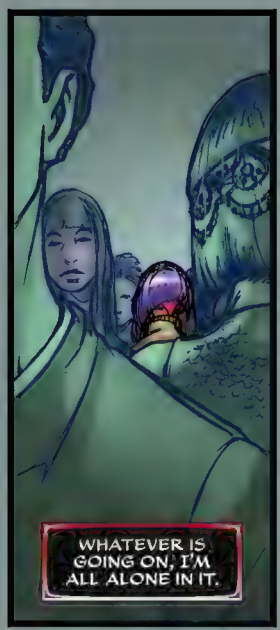
THERE SHE IS. THOUGHT I WAS GOING TO HAVE TO SCRAPE YOU OUT OF BED WITH THIS SPATULA.
SLEEP WELL?
FINE.
IT'S GOING TO BE, LIKE, EIGHTY DEGREES TODAY. YOU'RE GOING TO BOIL IN THAT THING.
DON'T. I'M ACTUALLY KIND OF COLD.
FEELING OKAY?
NOT REALLY. FEELING KIND OF RUNDOWN. GOT THE CHILLS.
MAYBE YOU SHOULD STAY HOME. GO SEE THE DOCTOR.
NO, NO. THAT'S OKAY. I MEAN--I HAVE A BIG TEST TODAY AND DON'T WANT TO MISS IT.
BUT... THINK YOU COULD WRITE ME A NOTE? GET ME OUT OF P.E.? I JUST DON'T THINK I HAVE THE ENERGY FOR IT, TODAY.

CABRAL HIGH SCHOOL
I FEEL LIKE I DON'T EVEN BELONG IN THIS WORLD.

I FEEL DIFFERENT. LIKE A FREAK.

I TRIED TALKING TO MRS. BLAKE. SHE'S SOMETHING OF A TEACHER SLASH COUNSELOR. TELL HER WHAT WAS HAPPENING. BUT, SHE DIDN'T GET IT.
GRAV. SCIENCES
MORNING, CASSIDY.

SHE THOUGHT SHE DID, BUT SHE WAS WAY OFF.
ABOUT AS OFF AS YOU COULD GET.


WHATEVER IS GOING ON, I'M ALL ALONE IN IT.

ANOTHER EXCUSE, CASSIDY?
SORRY, COACH. JUST NOT FEELING RIGHT. KIND OF QUEASY.
THAT'S LIKE TWO WEEKS NOW. WHAT'S GOING ON WITH YOU?
I'LL TELL YOU, COACH. GIRL THINKS SHE'S TOO GOOD TO WORK UP A SWEAT WITH THE REST OF US. LITTLE PRINCESS.
OKAY, VIV. THAT'S ENOUGH. THIS HERE HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH YOU. MAYBE YOU OUGHT TO WORK UP SOME OF THAT SWEAT BY GIVING ME FIVE LAPS OUT THERE BEFORE WE GET STARTED.
FINE.
DID I SAY LITTLE PRINCESS? I MEANT, LITTLE #@^%.
SHE'LL GET HERS.

AS YOU CAN SEE, YOURS ISN'T THE ONLY ONE. THESE KINDS OF BEASTS HAVE BEEN POPPING UP ALL OVER THE GLOBE.

ARE THEY REALLY... DRAGONS?

YEAH, BUT DON'T DUST OFF YOUR FAVORITE FANTASY NOVEL FOR REFERENCE JUST YET. THESE GUYS ARE NOTHING BUT A PRODUCT OF SCIENCE RUN AMOK.

BIOENGINEERING, GENETIC CODING, ORGANIC AUGMENTATION--MORE THAN EVER BEFORE, TODAY'S SCIENTISTS THINK THEY'RE GODS. THEY THINK THE RULES DON'T APPLY TO THEM AND BUILD CREATURES DREAMED UP IN OUR MYTHS AND NIGHTMARES.

I'VE BEEN HEARING STORIES GOING AROUND. PEOPLE SAYING SOMETHING IS IN THE AIR.

MAGIC.

WE'VE SEEN THAT KIND OF SMOKE AND MIRRORS, TOO. SOME FOOL IN PARIS GOT HIMSELF A PAIR OF THESE ANGEL WINGS. TRIED TO PASS HIMSELF OFF AS A MESSIAH.

A SUCKER'S BORN EVERY MINUTE. SOME WILL BELIEVE WHATEVER YOU TELL THEM. IT'S ALL A BUNCH OF BUNK.

DON'T FALL FOR IT.

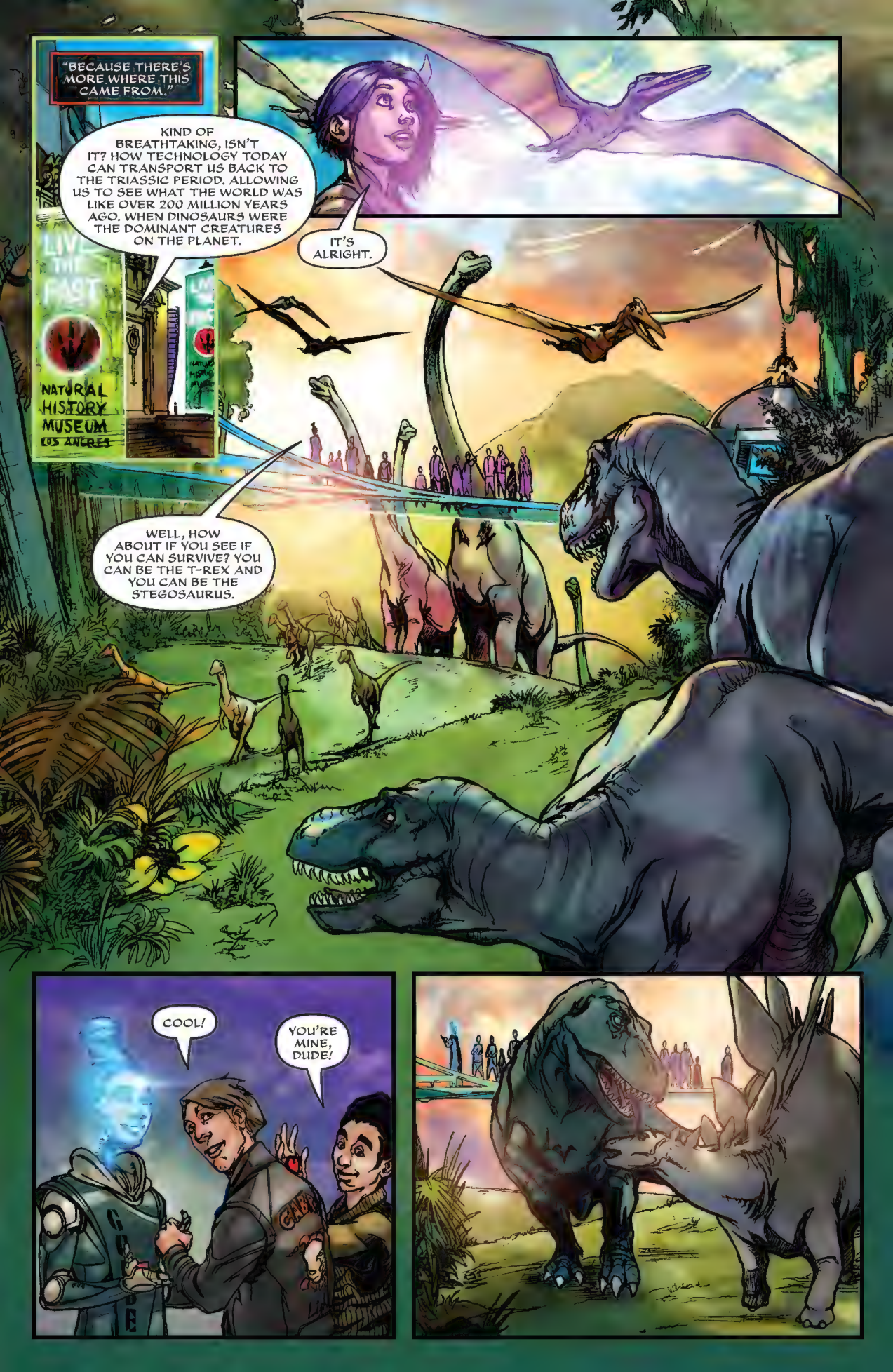
I REVIEWED YOUR FILE ON THE WAY BACK HERE. NOTHING TOO IMPRESSIVE, TO BE HONEST WITH YOU. GRADUATED MIDDLE OF THE PACK AT THE ACADEMY. JUST A COUPLE OF YEARS IN BLUE BEFORE JOINING SWAT. GOT IN BY THE SKIN OF YOUR TEETH.

MUST HAVE NEEDED TO FILL QUOTAS THAT MONTH.

MAYBE SO, SIR.

STILL, YOU BAGGED ONE OF THESE BEASTS ON YOUR OWN. THAT'S GOT TO COUNT FOR SOMETHING.

WHAT DO YOU SAY, TAKI? INTERESTED IN FIGHTING THE GOOD FIGHT?


"BECAUSE THERE'S MORE WHERE THIS CAME FROM."
KIND OF BREATHTAKING, ISN'T IT? HOW TECHNOLOGY TODAY CAN TRANSPORT US BACK TO THE TRIASSIC PERIOD. ALLOWING US TO SEE WHAT THE WORLD WAS LIKE OVER 200 MILLION YEARS AGO. WHEN DINOSAURS WERE THE DOMINANT CREATURES ON THE PLANET.
IT'S ALRIGHT.
NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM
WELL, HOW ABOUT IF YOU SEE IF YOU CAN SURVIVE? YOU CAN BE THE T-REX AND YOU CAN BE THE STEGOSAURUS.
COOL!
YOU'RE MINE, DUDE!

WATCH THIS.
HERE, LET ME TRY IT.
HEY!
BREEP
VIV, WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
TEACHING SOMEONE ABOUT SURVIVAL OF THE FITTEST.
RAAAAWWWR!
AHHH!
HA! GOTCHA!

CASSIDY!

NOOO!

HELP!!!

SHE'S FLYING!
I'VE GOT TO POST THIS!
UNREAL!
WHOA!
AHHH!
DID YOU SEE THAT?
WHAAAMMM!
EXIT
WHAT'S HER NAME? CASSIE?
IS...IS SHE GONE?
CRAZY!

CASS?!?
BABY, YOU OKAY?
DADDY?
I...I'M SCARED, DADDY.
WE SAW ALL KINDS OF VIDEO FROM THE MUSEUM. WHAT HAPPENED?
I DON'T KNOW. SOMETHING IS WRONG WITH ME.
I'M SORRY, DADDY. I'M SO SORRY.
LISTEN TO ME, HONEY. IT'S ALL GOING TO BE OKAY.
I PROMISE.

JUST TELL ME WHERE YOU ARE.
SHE ALREADY DID.
REALLY PACKING ON THE ARMOR, AIN'T YA? ANY MORE AND YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO MOVE.
GIVE THE KID A BREAK, LAZ. IT'S HIS FIRST TIME.
TECHNICALLY, MY FIRST TIME WAS THE OTHER DAY WHEN I WATCHED ONE OF THOSE THINGS KILL MY ENTIRE SQUAD.
SO, SUE ME IF I WANT TO BE A LITTLE OVER-PREPARED.
I'LL SAY.
AM I MISSING SOMETHING, GRIFF?
HEH! YEAH, OUR TARGET.
SHE COULDN'T HURT A FLY.

LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA.
OOOOOOF!
COME ON, GUY.
ARE YOU EVEN GOING TO TRY TO SURVIVE?
SUIT YOURSELF.
SORRY, BUT I ONLY HAVE THIS LITTLE KNIFE HERE. THIS MIGHT TAKE AWHILE.

THAT'S ENOUGH, LILY.

I KNOW.

BUT, I WAS JUST GETTING STARTED.

WE ARE HERE FOR JUSTICE, NOT TORTURE.

NNNNGHH...

YOU REALLY KNOW HOW TO TAKE ALL THE FUN OUT OF THIS, *MIYA.*

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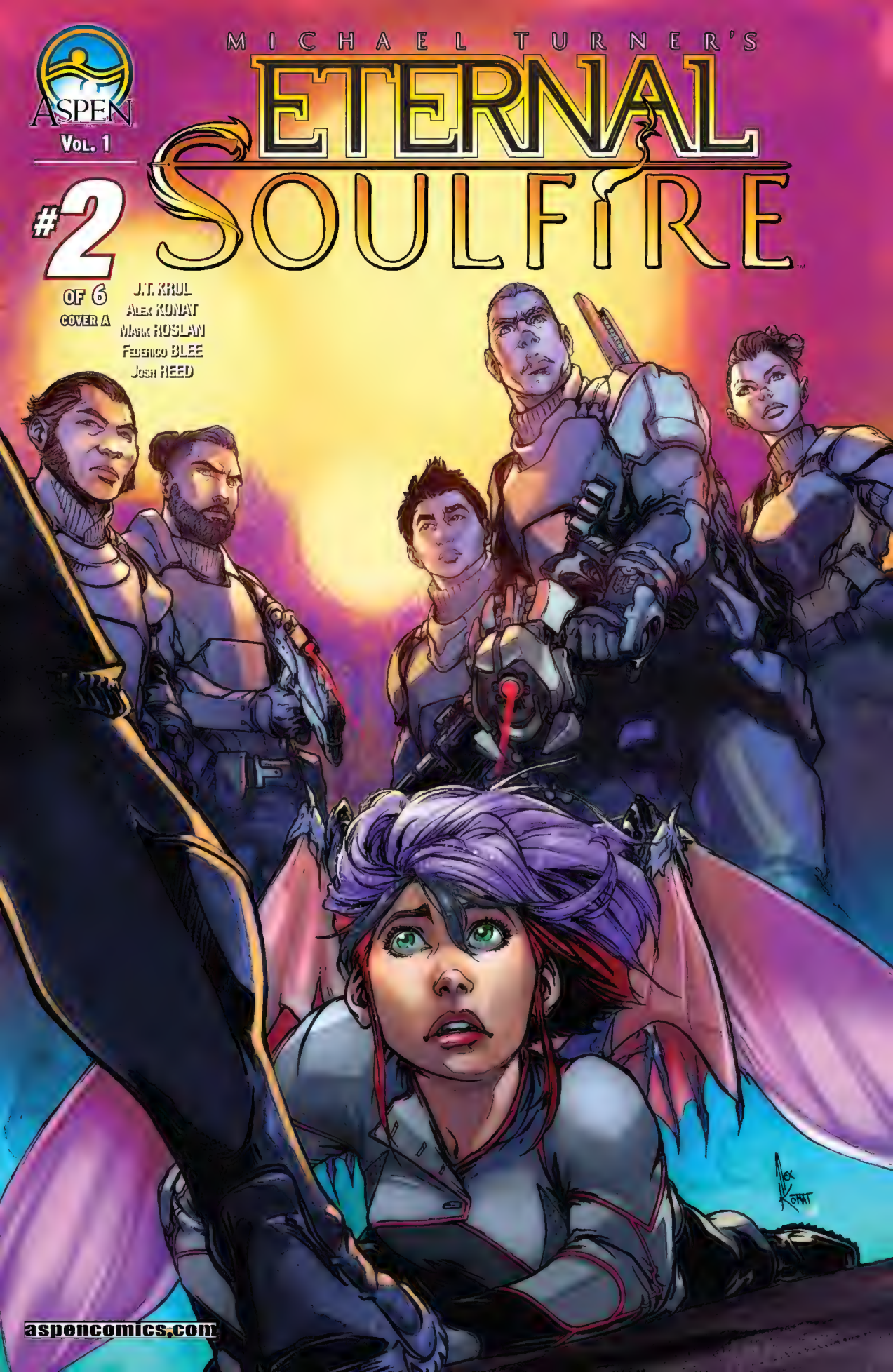
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"CAUGHT IN A STORM"

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Taki, a S.W.A.T. member tasked with identifying and eliminating magical beings in San Jose, quickly learns his objective is a merciless one--as his team perished trying to take down a dragon. But, a more docile target emerged as Cassidy, a young and fearful high school student, also learned a devastating truth about the perilous nature of magic, after her wings were exposed to all. However, her lesson could end up getting her killed...

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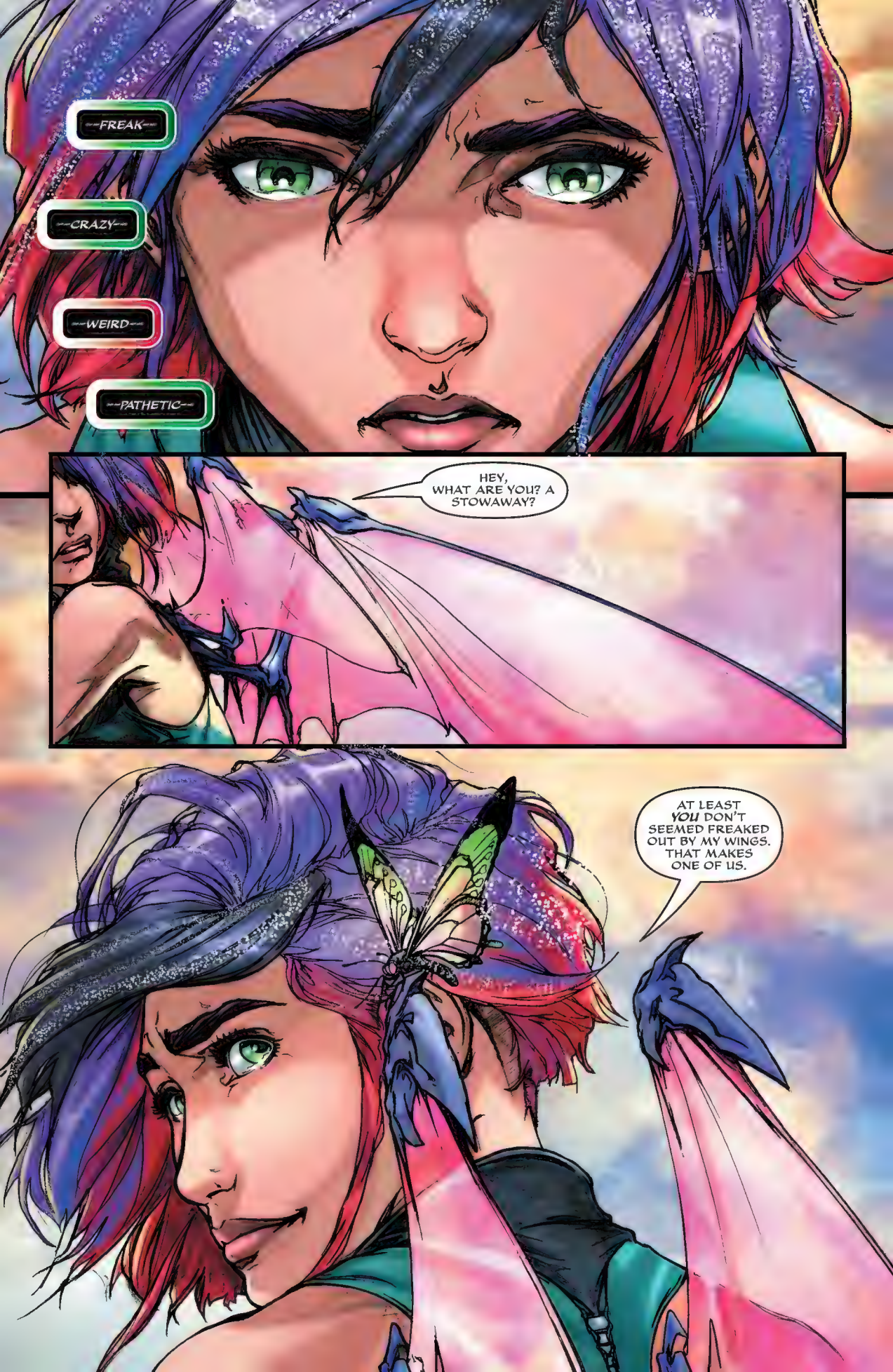
...AT THE NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM WHERE SOME KIND OF STUDENT PRANK CAUGHT ONLOOKERS BY SURPRISE--
--SHE'S ALWAYS BEEN A FREAK AT SCHOOL. NOW, LIKE EVERYONE JUST KNOWS ABOUT IT. GOD, THE THINGS PEOPLE DO FOR ATTENTION.
IT'S PATHETIC.
--WAS CRAZY, MAN! SHE WAS ALL, LIKE--AHHHH! THEN, SHE WAS ALL--WOOOSH!
NEWZ
--IT'S FAKE. YOU CAN TOTALLY TELL. THEY JUST USED EFFECTS TO REMOVE THE WIRES FROM THE VIDEO--


FREAK
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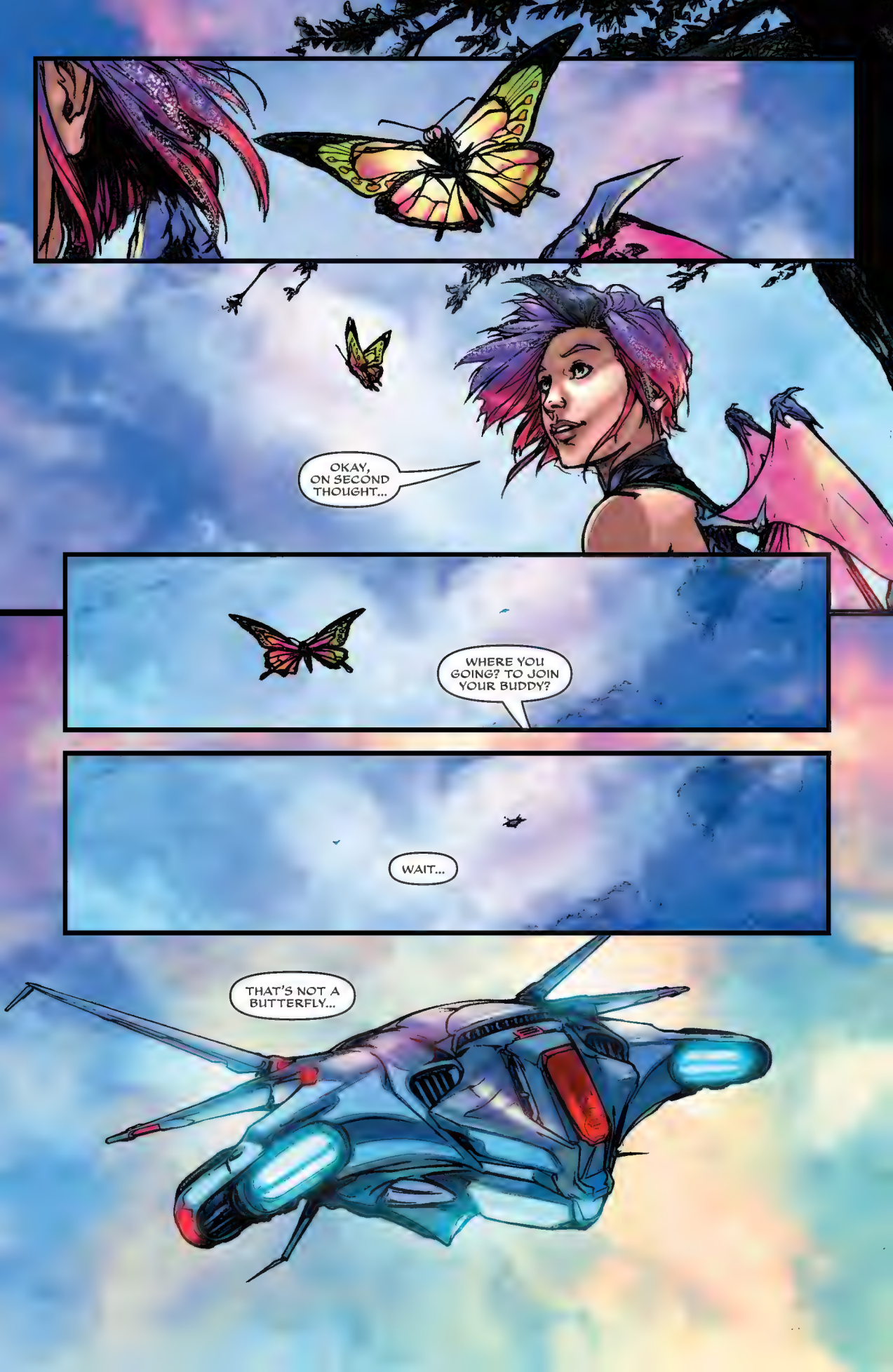
HEY, WHAT ARE YOU? A STOWAWAY?
AT LEAST YOU DON'T SEEMED FREAKED OUT BY MY WINGS. THAT MAKES ONE OF US.


OKAY, ON SECOND THOUGHT...
WHERE YOU GOING? TO JOIN YOUR BUDDY?
WAIT...
THAT'S NOT A BUTTERFLY...

STAND DOWN, GIRLIE!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING, GRIFF, TRYING TO KILL HER?!
KR-KOOM!

YOU'RE A DRAMATIC LITTLE THING, AREN'T YOU?
NOOO!
YOU TALKING TO HER OR TAKI? SEEMS TO APPLY TO BOTH OF THEM.
LOOK--WE GOT HER. WHY DON'T YOU TURN OFF THE JUICE, CUBBY?
SHE'S THE ONE RESISTING. IT ONLY MAKES IT WORSE.
NNNN...
...HNNGH...

AHHHH!!!
FWOOOSH
WH... WHAT WAS THAT?
YOU WERE SAYING SOMETHING ABOUT JUICE?

LEAVE ME ALONE!
NO CAN DO, BABE.
YOU FLY--
--WE FLY.

V-FORMATION UNTIL WE CLOSE IN.
NOW...
SPLIT UP!

I GOT NOTHING SO FAR.
NEGATIVE.
NO SIGN OF HER.
THERE!
SHE'S HEADED DOWN GRAND CUT ACROSS THIRD. BUT DON'T WORRY...
...I GOT THIS ONE.
ALARM
FORGET ABOUT HER...

...WHAT ABOUT ME?

IF I WERE YOU, I'D TAKE THE ELEVATOR DOWN.
LEAVE THE FLYING TO US.

YOU REALLY DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU ARE DOING, DO YOU?
NAME'S LILY.
I DIDN'T ASK.
WHO ARE YOU?
I'M CASSIDY.
GET LOWER. UNLESS YOU ARE TRYING TO GET NABBED.
HURRY AND COVER UP BEFORE--

STOP!
TAKI, YOU GOT THEM? WE'RE ON OUR WAY.
DAMMIT! HOW IN THE--
--DON'T TELL ME YOU STILL HAVE YOUR PHONE WITH YOU?
UM, YEAH.
IDIOT.
DON'T DO THAT!
DO WHAT?
STOP!
TAKE'EM DOWN! NOW!
SEE YA, ROMEO.

LATER
YOU SON OF A BITCH!
YOU HAD YOUR SHOT! WHY DIDN'T YOU TAKE IT?!
FRIGGIN' WUSS.
SORRY ABOUT THAT...

CAN'T REALLY BLAME HIM THOUGH.
I CAN'T? SO, WHY DOES HE GET A FREE PASS TO BE AN ASS?
GRIFF HAD A DAUGHTER-- ONCE UPON A TIME. SHE GOT CAUGHT UP WITH ONE OF THOSE NEW AGE CULTS UP IN SAN FRANCISCO. GABRIEL'S VOICE. BUT INTO ALL THIS MAGIC STUFF. VERY TOUCHY-FEELY.
WHAT HAPPENED?
ONE OF THOSE THINGS SHOWED UP. SUCKED THE LIFE RIGHT OUT OF HER, ALONG WITH ALL OF HER CULT BUDDIES.
LIKE A DAMN VAMPIRE.
HE ATE THEIR SOULS.
I KNOW YOU THINK SHE'S JUST A GIRL. AND GUESS WHAT? THAT'S HOW SHE SEES HERSELF, TOO. BUT SHE'S WRONG.
SHE'S A MONSTER. SHE JUST DOESN'T KNOW IT YET.
HOW DO YOU KNOW?
BECAUSE I'VE SEEN IT.

WE DON'T KNOW A LOT. HOW IT HAPPENS OR WHY IT HAPPENS. IT STARTS OUT SMALL-- A FLICKER HERE OR THERE.
BUT, BEFORE LONG-- BOOM.
SOME ARE BAD TO BEGIN WITH. THEY USE THEIR NEWFOUND ABILITIES TO BE EVEN WORSE.
CAM7
THE OTHERS-- THEY'RE PROBABLY MORE SCARED OF THEIR POWERS THAN WE ARE.
BUT, IT DOESN'T CHANGE THE FACT THAT THEY ALL EVENTUALLY LOSE IT.
SO, I SUPPOSE THOSE ONES AREN'T MONSTERS--

"--THEY'RE MORE LIKE TICKING TIME BOMBS."
YOU'RE NOT GOING TO CRY, ARE YOU?
WHAT?
I NEED MY PHONE.
CRY. YOU KNOW, BOO-HOO AND ALL THAT?
THAT'S HOW THEY TRACKED YOU, STUPID.
I NEED TO CALL MY PARENTS. GET HOME.
DID YOU MISS THE LAST TWENTY MINUTES? THOSE GUYS ARE ON THE HUNT. THERE'S NO GOING BACK FOR YOU.
WHERE AM I SUPPOSED TO GO, THEN?
THIS IS WHAT I GET FOR HELPING SOMEONE?
FINE.

WHOA... WHAT IS THIS PLACE?
USED TO BE A TRAIN STATION, ONCE UPON A TIME. WE'VE BEEN HIDING OUT HERE AS OF LATE.
KINDA SPOOKY.
LOOK, TRY NOT TO BE A TOTAL SPAZ, OKAY?
WHY DO I FEEL LIKE THE OUTCAST STARTING AT A NEW SCHOOL?
THIS AIN'T SCHOOL, TRUST ME. THIS IS THE REAL WORLD.
RIGHT. REAL WORLD. SAYS ONE GIRL WITH WINGS TO ANOTHER.
I DON'T GET IT. EVERYONE HERE SEEMS ANNOYED BY MY BEING HERE. AND HONESTLY, YOU DON'T SEEM ACTUALLY THRILLED EITHER.
YOUR POINT?
WHY? WHY DID YOU HELP ME BACK THERE? WHY DID YOU BRING ME HERE?
MIYA SAYS EVERYONE DESERVES A CHANCE TO SURVIVE. EVEN IF THEY ARE COMPLETELY USELESS.
WHO IS MIYA?

THAT'S MIYA.
SHE DOESN'T TALK MUCH, DOES SHE?
SHE DOES WHEN NEEDED.
SHE LOOKS KIND OF...MAD.
IF YOU'RE LOOKING FOR SOMEONE TO TAKE CARE OF YOU, BETTER KEEP LOOKING. MIYA AIN'T GOING TO BE YOUR MOMMA, OR EVEN YOUR BIG SIS.
WHAT IS SHE, THEN?
A LEADER... A WARRIOR.
A CRUSADER.

DO YOU HAVE IT WITH YOU?
OF COURSE.
HE IS ALWAYS WITH ME.
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Cassidy learned the painful lesson that hiding her magic was much easier than a life exposed, as Taki's S.W.A.T. Team managed to triangulate her cellphone's location and nearly captured her. However, another magical ally known as Lily rescued the young girl and provided her safe haven. Yet, now she is under the watchful eye of the deadly and renowned warrior, Miya....

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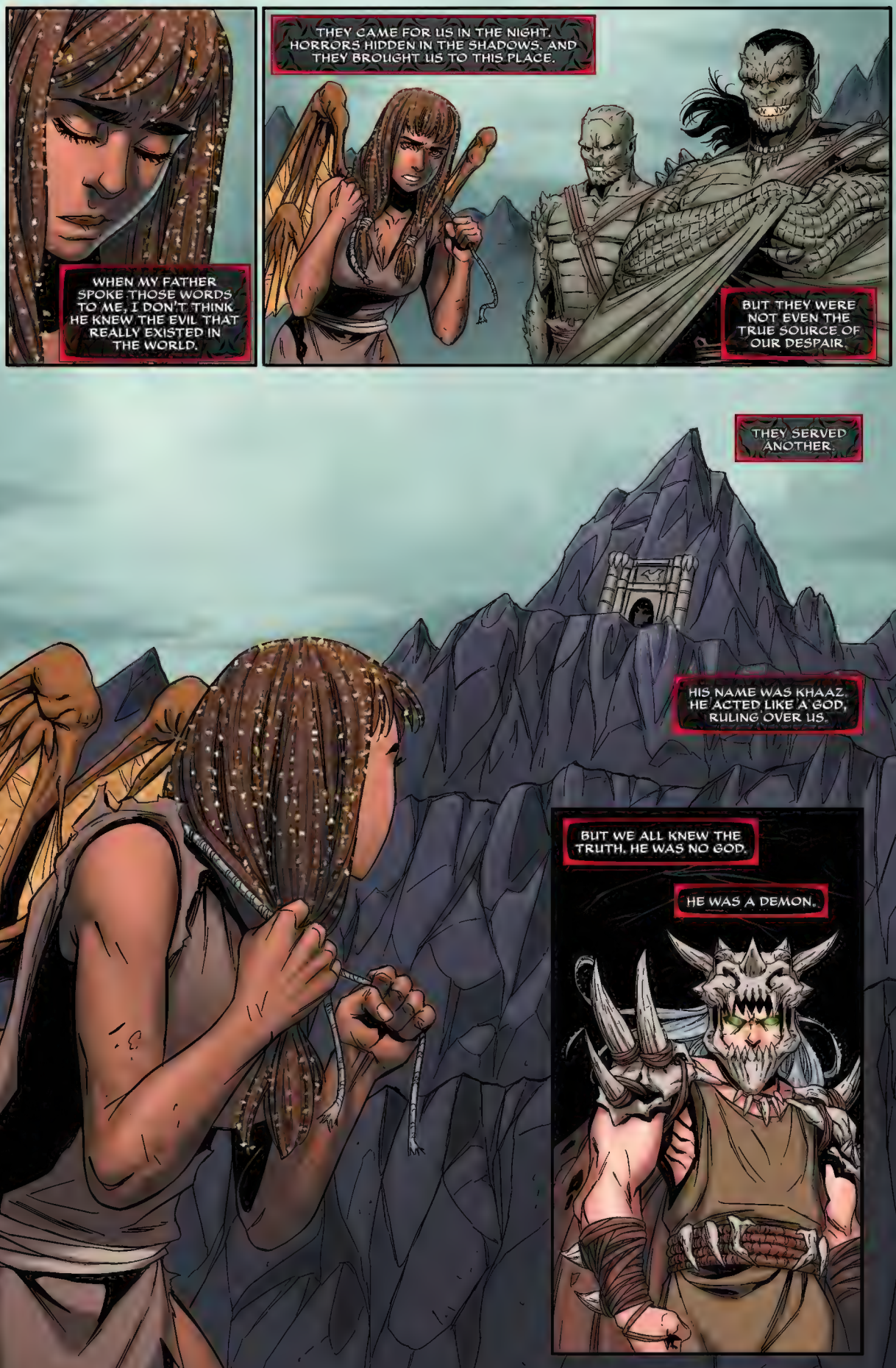
WE LIVE AND WE RUN, THINKING WE CAN ESCAPE THAT WHICH HAUNTS US.
BUT, THE PAST IS PRESENT IN EVERYTHING WE DO AND EVERYTHING WE ARE.
IT IS NOT TO BE FEARED...
...IT IS TO BE EMBRACED.
MY LITTLE MIYA...

THEN.
IS IT TRUE, FATHER? THE LIGHTS IN THE NIGHT SKY--ARE THEY THE EYES OF THE GODS?
DO THEY WATCH OVER US ALWAYS?
THEY DO. BUT, BEST NOT TAKE TOO MUCH COMFORT IN THAT KNOWLEDGE, MIYA.
THE GODS WATCH US, YES. BUT, THEY DO NOT PROTECT US. THEY LOOK DOWN WITH JUDGMENT IN THEIR EYES.
WHAT DO THEY WANT?
FOR US TO SURVIVE. AND SURVIVE WITH HONOR.
TO DO THAT, ONE MUST HAVE THE MOST IMPORTANT TRAIT--STRENGTH.

STRENGTH OF BODY AND MIND.
THIS WORLD IS NOT A KIND ONE. LIKE THE FIRE, IT FEEDS OFF ITSELF. DESTROYING LIFE AS IT CREATES IT.
FATE PUTS US IN THE PATH OF CERTAIN FORCES-- VIOLENT AND DESTRUCTIVE. TRUE STRENGTH COMES NOT ONLY FROM OVERCOMING THOSE DANGERS.
FATHER? YOUR HAND...
IT ALSO COMES FROM FIGHTING ONE'S FATE. SEEING THE PERIL BEFORE YOU AND CHANGING YOUR PATH.
THAT IS THE SECRET TO SURVIVING, MIYA...

"...KNOWING THAT WE ARE NOT SLAVES TO FATE."


WHEN MY FATHER SPOKE THOSE WORDS TO ME, I DON'T THINK HE KNEW THE EVIL THAT REALLY EXISTED IN THE WORLD.
THEY CAME FOR US IN THE NIGHT. HORRORS HIDDEN IN THE SHADOWS. AND THEY BROUGHT US TO THIS PLACE.
BUT THEY WERE NOT EVEN THE TRUE SOURCE OF OUR DESPAIR.
THEY SERVED ANOTHER.
HIS NAME WAS KHAAZ. HE ACTED LIKE A GOD, RULING OVER US.
BUT WE ALL KNEW THE TRUTH. HE WAS NO GOD.
HE WAS A DEMON.

FOR HIM, BATTLE WAS NOTHING BUT SPORT.
DEATH WAS A HOBBY.
SOMETHING TO PASS THE TIME BETWEEN HIS INSATIABLE APPETITE.

THE SLAVES SPENT THEIR NIGHTS-- HOPING AND PRAYING FOR SALVATION.
POURING THEIR VERY LIFE ENERGY INTO A WEAPON. SOMETHING TO STRIKE OUT WITH. SOMETHING TO KILL THE DEMON.
THE TASK FELL TO ME.
BECAUSE MY HATE WAS MORE POWERFUL THAN THEIR HOPE.

BUT HATE ALONE WAS NOT ENOUGH. I NEEDED MORE.
THE DEMON'S MINIONS ADDED THE FINAL INGREDIENT. THEIR FEAR.
THEY KNEW HIS WRATH WOULD EVENTUALLY DESTROY THEM. WITH ME, THEY SAW A CHANCE FOR THEIR OWN FREEDOM.
SO TOGETHER...
...WE VANQUISHED THE HORROR OF THE CHAOS.

LOST. AND ALONE.
I TOOK BACK THE ONLY THING I COULD.
THE ONLY THING THAT MATTERED TO ME.
MY FATHER DESERVED TO FIND PEACE SOMEWHERE OTHER THAN THIS CURSED PLACE.

WE ALL DID.
GIVEN OUR PLIGHT, BUILDING A NEW LIFE TOGETHER SEEMED WISE.
BUT I COULDN'T ACCEPT THE ROLE THEY WANTED ME TO PLAY.
BLESS YOU, MIYA.
PRAISED BE.
FOLLOWING ME TO OUR NEW HOME IS ONE THING.
I COULD ACCEPT THEIR ADMIRATION AND THEIR RESPECT
BUT NOT THEIR WORSHIP.

TIME PASSED.
SOME LIVED. SOME DIED.
THE MAGIC EVENTUALLY DIED.
BUT THE CHAOS..

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...THE CHAOS REMAINED.

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SO I CONTINUED TO FIGHT.

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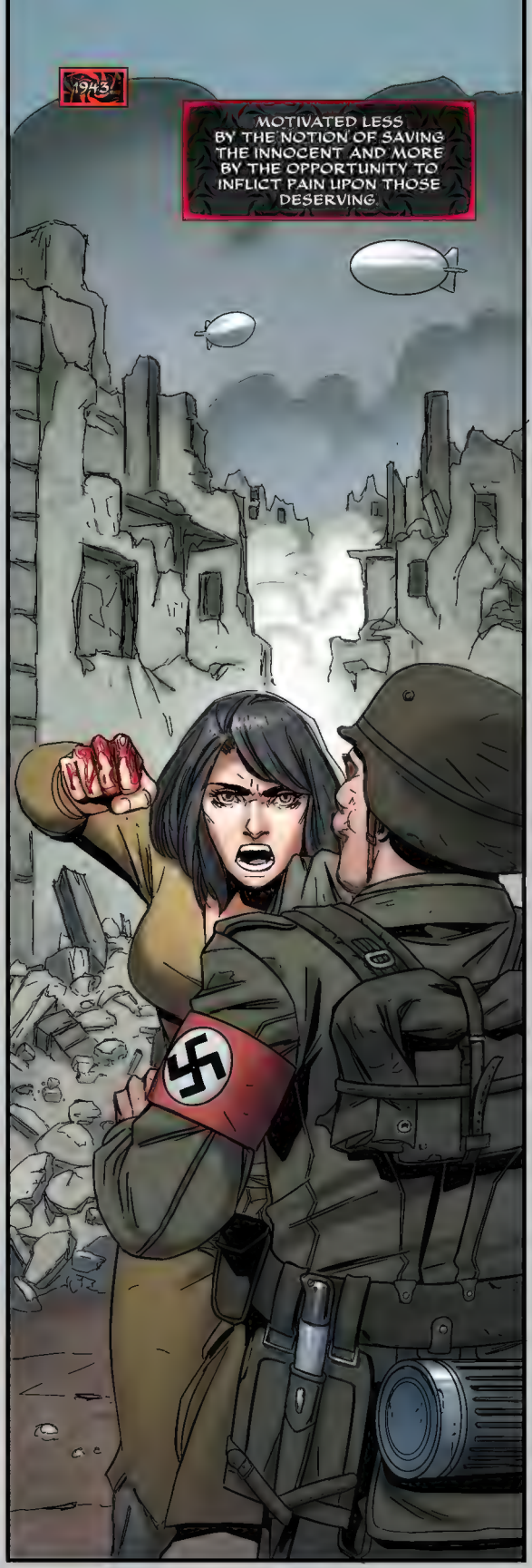
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MOTIVATED LESS BY THE NOTION OF SAVING THE INNOCENT AND MORE BY THE OPPORTUNITY TO INFLICT PAIN UPON THOSE DESERVING.

THEN, AFTER CENTURIES OF LIVING IN THE DARK, THE FLICKERS OF MAGIC RETURNED.
FAINT AT FIRST, BUT GROWING STRONGER DAY BY DAY.
UNTIL FINALLY-- I WAS WHOLE AGAIN.

WHEN THE SPARK OF MAGIC FINALLY EXPLODED ALL ACROSS THE WORLD--I FOUND OTHERS.
SISTERS IN BATTLE.

TO ARMS!

FACING THE CHAOS ITSELF, IN ITS PUREST FORM.

WITH A POWER THAT SURPASSED EVEN THE GREAT KHAAZ.

FUELED ONCE AGAIN BY MY ANGER AND HATRED.

I STOOD AGAINST THE CHAOS.

UNFORTUNATELY, SOME OF MY SISTERS WERE NOT STRONG ENOUGH.
A LOT OF THEM. I PULLED THEIR FATE IN LINE WITH MINE, AND THEY PAID THE ULTIMATE PRICE.
STILL, I WAS ABLE TO PUT THEM TO REST.
UNLIKE MY FATHER.
ALL THOSE TIMES OVER THE YEARS, ALL THOSE PLACES I COULD HAVE GIVEN HIM PEACE.
I NEVER DID.

AND, NOW— I KNOW WHY.
MY LITTLE MIYA.
IT SEEMS YOU REMEMBERED WHAT I SAID ABOUT DEFEATING FATE.
F-FATHER?
IT'S YOU. IT'S REALLY YOU!
YES, MY CHILD.
BUT... HOW?!
THE MAGIC OF THIS WORLD KNOWS NO BOUNDS. EVEN DEATH CAN BE CONQUERED IF YOU ARE STRONG ENOUGH.
WILL YOU BE STRONG ENOUGH, MIYA. FOR ME?
I-I WILL.

I PROMISE.
MIYA-- WHAT DID YOU SEE?
I SAW EVERYTHING, EVANI. THE PAST, THE PRESENT, THE FUTURE.
THEN YOU HAVE FOUND WHAT IT IS YOU WERE LOOKING FOR?
NOT YET.
BUT, I'VE FOUND THE WAY.
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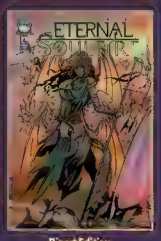

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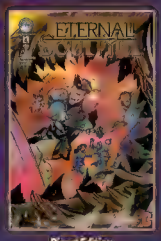
Miya's past revealed the ageless battle between magic and the Chaos. Upon the return of magic, the young warrior collected a collective of able fighters, and grew into the leader she was destined to become. Meanwhile, Cassidy made her own discovery of her new magical abilities, and narrowly escaped the S.W.A.T. Teams' dragnet--before she was rescued by Miya's tribe...



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PPY Birthday
FUNNY HOW THE WORD ITSELF COULD CAST A SPELL OVER EVERYONE.
WELL, OVER SOME OF US.
OKAY, SO THE TRUTH WAS—IT WAS ALWAYS A TRICK. MISDIRECTION. SLEIGHT OF HAND.
BUT AT THE TIME, I DIDN'T KNOW ANY BETTER. TO ME, IT WAS JUST AS ADVERTISED.
MAGIC.

THAT IS UNTIL I SAW THE REAL DEAL--UP CLOSE AND PERSONAL.
VERY PERSONAL.
I GOTTA SAY, LILY, I WAS PRETTY FREAKED WHEN THESE THINGS POPPED OUTTA MY BACK. BUT BEING HERE NOW--KNOWING I'M NOT THE ONLY ONE, MAKES ME FEEL BETTER.
I'M GLAD.
IT'S ACTUALLY KIND OF--

GHOOM
HEY!
WHAT'S YOUR PROBLEM?!
LOOK ALIVE!
WE AREN'T PLAYING AROUND UP HERE, CASSIDY. WE'RE TRAINING.
SO, GET INTO THE ACTION OR GET OUT OF THE WAY.
WHY DO I FEEL LIKE I'M BACK IN GYM CLASS, FORCED TO PLAY DODGEBALL?
THUNK
NNN... OKAY, NOTHING LIKE GYM CLASS.

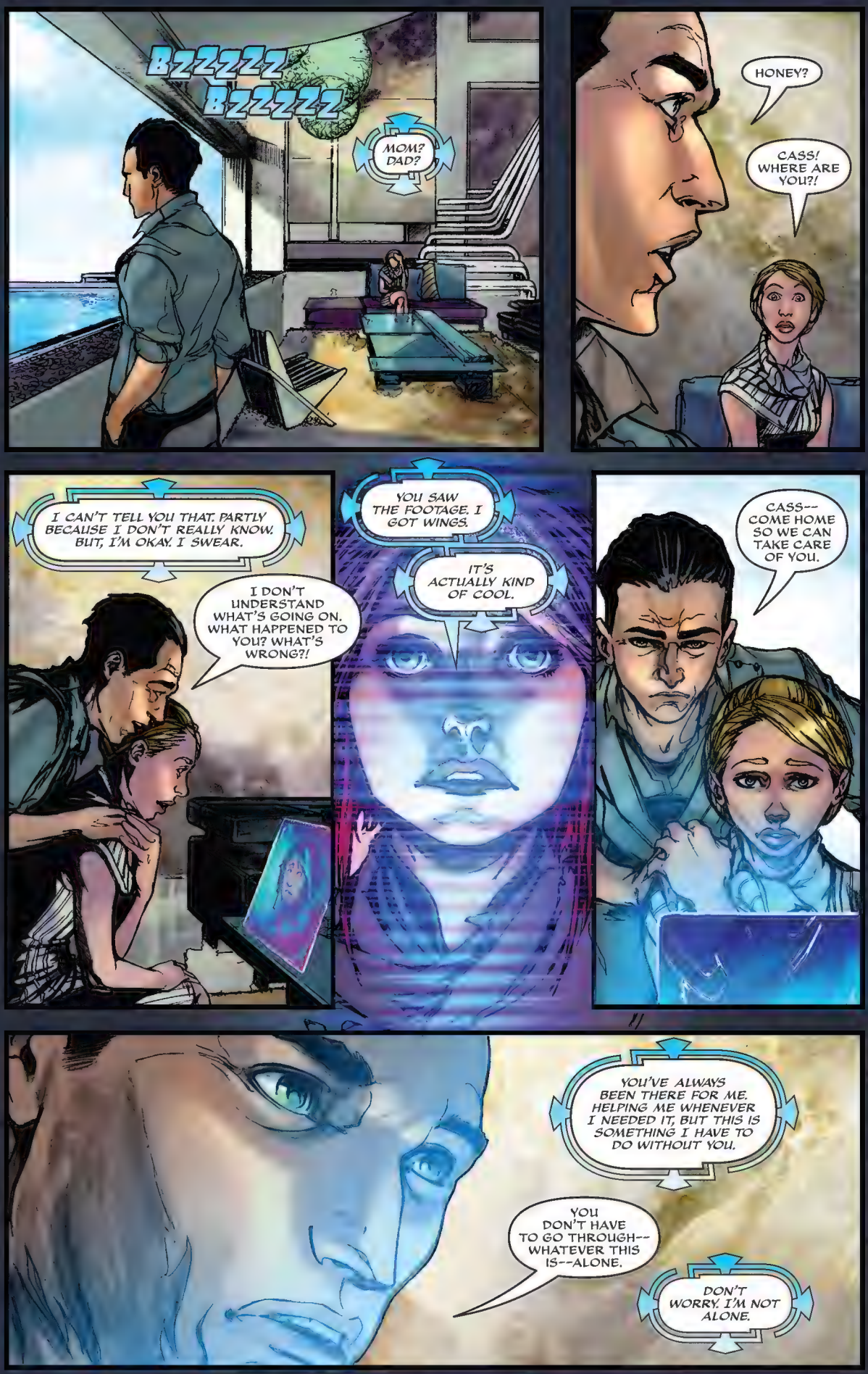
IS PLAYTIME OVER?
WHY IS SHE SO--?
--SHUT UP, ALREADY.
WE ALL HAVE OUR PATHS TO FOLLOW. I CANNOT TELL YOU WHERE YOURS WILL LEAD, BUT I KNOW MINE.
OUR PATH IS WITH YOU, MIYA.
IN THAT CASE, GATHER YOUR THINGS. TONIGHT, WE LEAVE FOR AFRICA.
DOES SHE MEAN *AFRICA* AFRICA? LIKE THE CONTINENT?

SO THAT'S IT? SHE SAYS AFRICA AND YOU ALL JUST GO?
DON'T YOU EVEN WANT TO KNOW WHY?
IT DOESN'T MATTER.
HOW CAN IT NOT MATTER?

BECAUSE I'M LIKE MIYA. WE ARE OF THE SAME TRIBE. I BELONG WHERE SHE BELONGS. WHETHER IT'S AFRICA OR GREECE OR EVEN THE BOTTOM OF THE OCEAN.

I CAN'T FLY OFF TO AFRICA. I'M FIFTEEN YEARS OLD. MY HOME IS HERE. MY FAMILY IS HERE.

NOBODY IS FORCING YOU TO COME ALONG. GO. STAY. I DON'T CARE.
BUT, DON'T FOOL YOURSELF INTO THINKING THAT LIFE YOU TALK ABOUT IS STILL POSSIBLE. IT'S NOT.
YOUR FAMILY MAY BE HERE, BUT SO ARE THE PEOPLE TRYING TO KILL YOU. REMEMBER THAT.
I...I CAN'T JUST... LEAVE.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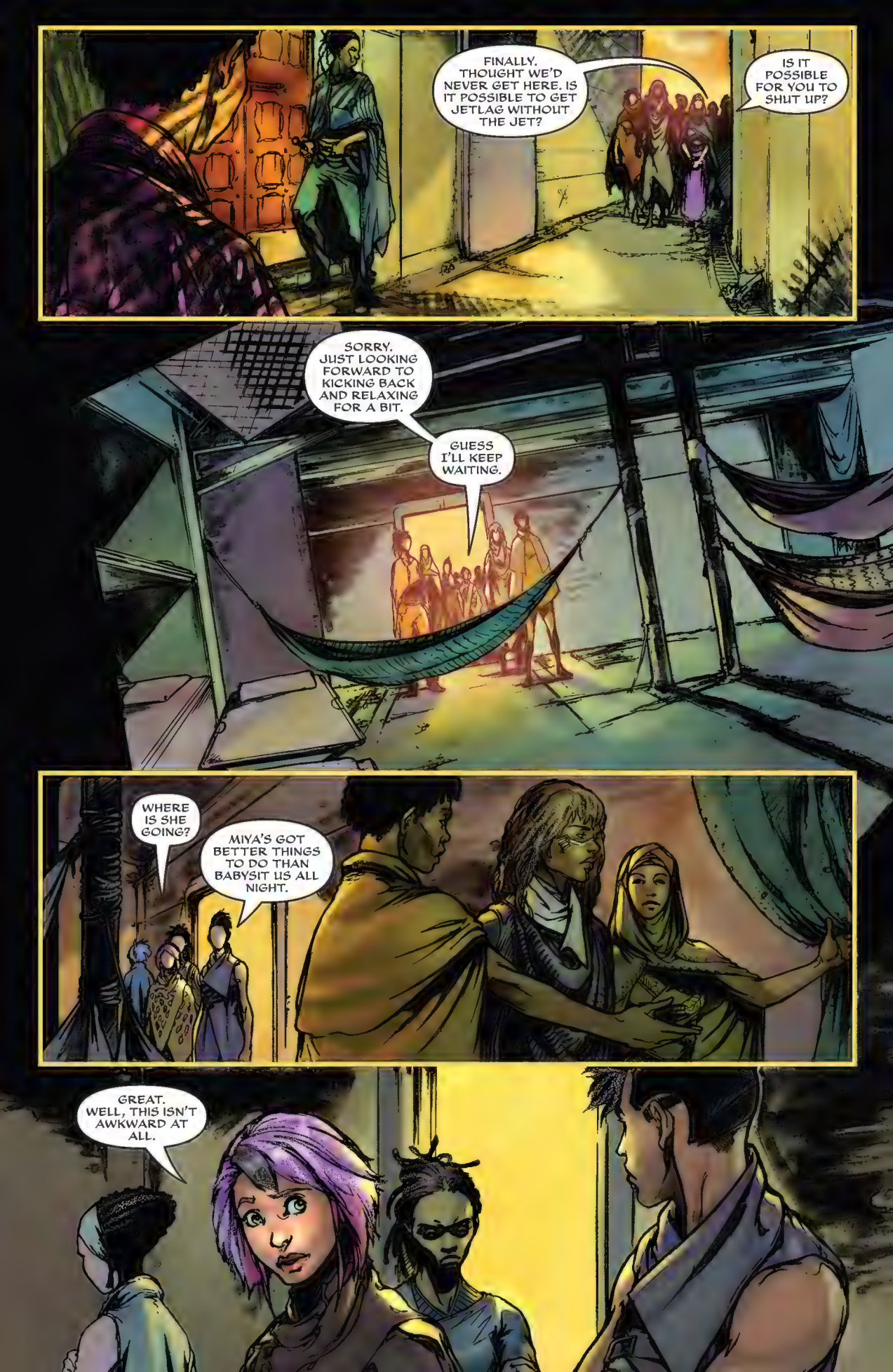
MOM? DAD?
HONEY?
CASS! WHERE ARE YOU?!
I CAN'T TELL YOU THAT. PARTLY BECAUSE I DON'T REALLY KNOW. BUT, I'M OKAY. I SWEAR.
I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHAT'S GOING ON. WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU? WHAT'S WRONG?!
YOU SAW THE FOOTAGE. I GOT WINGS.
IT'S ACTUALLY KIND OF COOL.
CASS-- COME HOME SO WE CAN TAKE CARE OF YOU.
YOU'VE ALWAYS BEEN THERE FOR ME. HELPING ME WHENEVER I NEEDED IT, BUT THIS IS SOMETHING I HAVE TO DO WITHOUT YOU.
YOU DON'T HAVE TO GO THROUGH-- WHATEVER THIS IS--ALONE.
DON'T WORRY. I'M NOT ALONE.

YOU DON'T WRAP THIS CALL UP SOON AND WE REALLY WON'T BE ALONE. YOU GOTTA KNOW THEY'RE MONITORING YOUR PLACE.
SHE'S RIGHT. I'M FILTERING THIS SIGNAL THROUGH SEVERAL SERVERS, BUT IT'S ONLY A MATTER OF TIME UNTIL THEY LOCK ONTO US.
I HAVE TO GO.
WAIT! NO..
CASSIDY. DON'T DO THIS. PLEASE...
YOU'LL HEAR FROM ME AGAIN. I PROMISE.
CASS!!!
I LOVE YOU GUYS.
BZZZRRT
CASS?
YEAH, I KNOW. TIME TO FLY.

JOHANNESBURG, SOUTH AFRICA
PLACE DOESN'T LOOK MUCH DIFFERENT THAN L.A.
DON'T KNOW WHAT MIYA THINKS SHE'S GOING TO FIND HERE THAT SHE COULDN'T FIND BACK THERE.
WHY DON'T YOU ASK HER?
THAT'S OKAY. SHE LOOKS BUSY.


FINALLY. THOUGHT WE'D NEVER GET HERE. IS IT POSSIBLE TO GET JETLAG WITHOUT THE JET?
IS IT POSSIBLE FOR YOU TO SHUT UP?
SORRY. JUST LOOKING FORWARD TO KICKING BACK AND RELAXING FOR A BIT.
GUESS I'LL KEEP WAITING.
WHERE IS SHE GOING?
MIYA'S GOT BETTER THINGS TO DO THAN BABYSIT US ALL NIGHT.
GREAT. WELL, THIS ISN'T AWKWARD AT ALL.

I DON'T KNOW ABOUT THE REST OF YOU, BUT THIS IS MY FIRST TIME IN JOHANNESBURG AND I'M NOT GOING TO WASTE IT WATCHING YOU TWO TRY TO OUT-SCOWL ONE ANOTHER.
ANYBODY WANNA JOIN ME?
REALLY? I CAN COME?!
ONLY IF YOU TONE DOWN THE ENTHUSIASM TO AN ACCEPTABLE LEVEL.
FAT CHANCE.
I CAN TONE IT DOWN!
I MEAN-- I'LL TRY.

THIS IS AMAZING! THIS PLACE HAS EVERYTHING I COULD IMAGINE AND THEN SOME!
ONLY WISH WE HAD SOME MONEY SO WE COULD REALLY ENJOY IT.
DON'T WORRY, LADIES. TONIGHT IS ON ME.
OR RATHER, I SHOULD SAY TONIGHT IS ON... MR. ENGELBRECHT.
WHO IS THAT?
DON'T KNOW. DON'T CARE. AS LONG AS HIS ACCOUNT HAS THE NECESSARY FUNDS.
WE'RE IN BUSINESS.

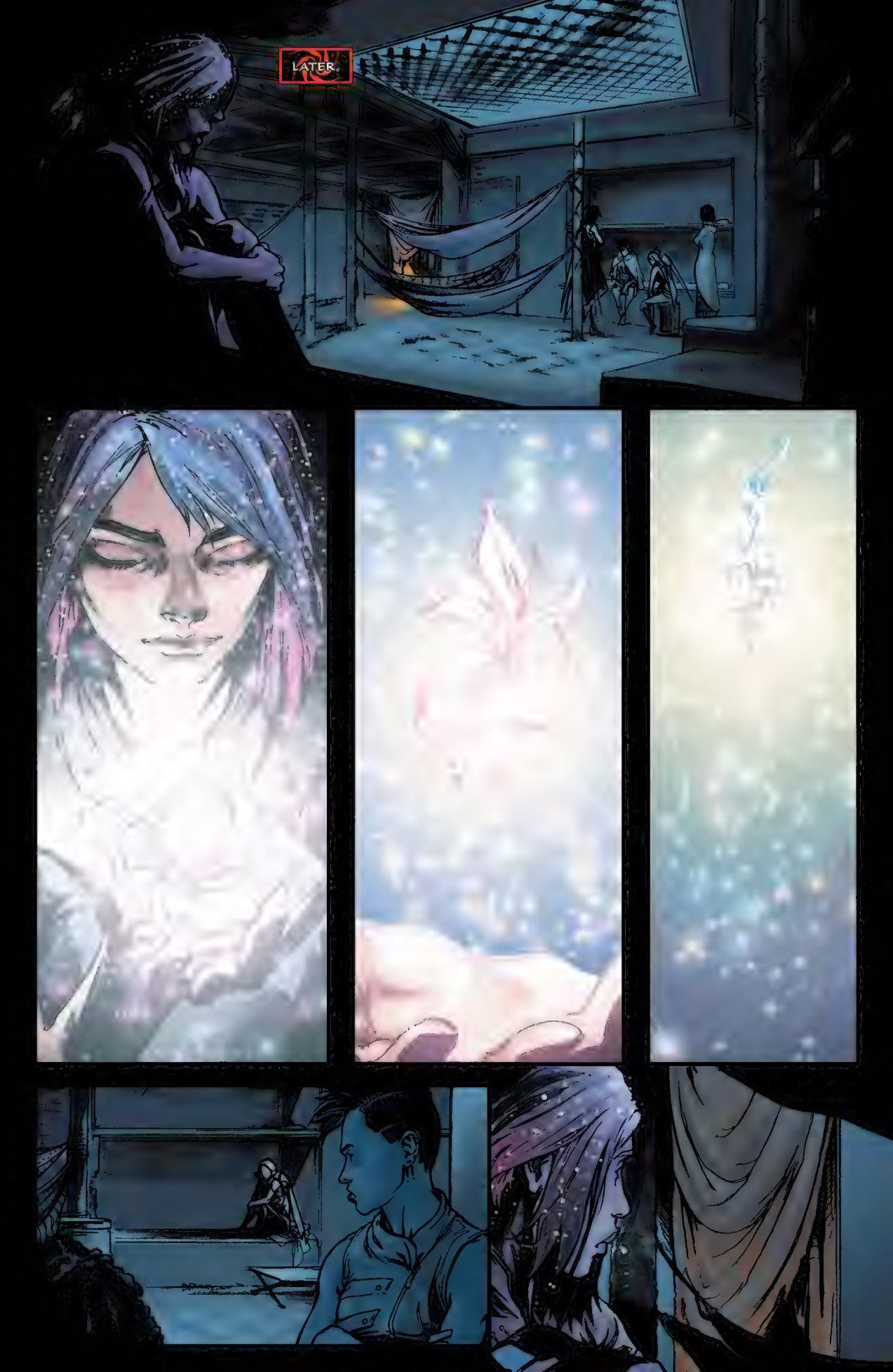
WHAT HAVE YOU GOT?
PICKED UP A COMPUTER HACK ALERT ON A CAM*, SIR.
NOT MUCH OF A LEAD. THAT KIND OF THING HAPPENS ALL THE TIME AND EVERYWHERE.
*CREDIT ACCESS MACHINE.
YES, SIR. BUT, THE USER SUB-SIGNATURE ENCRYPTION MATCHES THE ONE USED TO MASK THE LAST CONTACT THE NEW SUBJECT HAD WITH HER PARENTS.
WHERE WAS THE HIT?
JOHANNESBURG, SIR.
KIND OF OUT OF YOUR JURISDICTION, ISN'T IT?
THERE'S NO SUCH THING, *TAKI.*
GEAR UP. WE'RE AIRBORNE IN TWENTY MINUTES.
DAMMIT, GIRL. HOPE YOU REALIZE THE DANGER YOU'RE IN.

WHOO-HOO!
I'VE NEVER BEEN CLUBBING BEFORE!
IT SHOWS.
SO DOES YOUR AGE.
NOT SO MUCH THAT THEY WOULDN'T LET ME IN THE DOOR.
PLEASE. MAGS PAID ENOUGH THEY'D SERVE A THREE-MONTH OLD FETUS.
I'M NOT DRINKING.
THAT MAKES YOU EVEN MORE PATHETIC.
NICE TRY, LILY. BUT I AIN'T GONNA LET YOU KILL MY GLOW.
I DESERVE THIS AFTER EVERYTHING. A CHANCE TO LET GO. LIVE IN THE MOMENT. HAVE FUN.
CASS?
SORRY, CAN'T HEAR YOU. I'M LOST IN THE MUSIC, BABY!

CASSIDY!

WHOA... CHECK IT OUT!
WHAT ARE THOSE, IMPLANTS? COOL!
GET AWAY FROM HER.
I'M SORRY. I'M SORRY.
LET ME SEE THEM!
YOU MAKE THEM YOURSELF?
I SAID--
--BACK OFF!
COME ON, CASS. THAT'S OUR CUE.

I SAID I WAS SORRY. WHAT ELSE DO YOU WANT ME TO SAY?
SAY WHATEVER YOU WANT. IT DOESN'T CHANGE ANYTHING.
YOU DON'T GET IT, DO YOU? YOU DO SOMETHING LIKE THAT--YOU EXPOSE YOURSELF. WORSE--YOU EXPOSE ALL OF US.
YEAH, I SHOWED MY WINGS, BUT YOU'RE THE ONE WHO STARTED BLASTING AWAY.
I DID IT TO SAVE YOUR BUTT. THOUGH, GOD KNOWS WHY.
THOSE PEOPLE WEREN'T GOING TO HURT ME. IF ANYTHING, THEY THOUGHT MY WINGS WERE COOL.
YEAH-- I KNOW. THAT'S WHAT THEY ALWAYS THINK--
--AT FIRST.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UM... HELLO?
YES?
I DON'T THINK WE REALLY MET BEFORE OR ANYTHING. MY NAME IS--
--CASSIDY. THE VIDEO SENSATION.
OH, SO YOU DO KNOW.
OF COURSE, I DO. JUST LIKE I KNOW ABOUT YOUR PERFORMANCE TONIGHT AT THE CLUB.
THAT WAS AN ACCIDENT. THEY BOTH WERE. I DIDN'T MEAN TO GET ALL THAT ATTENTION.
BUT--
YES?
BUT--IT IS AMAZING ISN'T IT? THIS MAGIC?
CAN YOU IMAGINE WHAT THE WORLD WOULD BE LIKE IF THEY ONLY KNEW? IF WE LET THEM ALL SEE IT. INSTEAD OF HIDING HERE IN THE SHADOWS LIKE CRIMINALS.
IT WOULD CHANGE EVERYTHING.

YOU SPEAK AS THOUGH IT'S SOME KIND OF BEACON OF HOPE. A PROMISE OF A BETTER FUTURE.
IT'S JUST POWER-- VIOLENT AND RAW. IT DESTROYED ALL OF MY PEOPLE. KILLED ENTIRE SPECIES OF CREATURES. A PLAGUE UPON OUR SOULS.
AND THERE'S NOTHING MAGICAL ABOUT THAT.
WHAT IS THAT?!
WHAT DO YOU THINK? THEY FOUND US!

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BUT IT'S NOT. THIS IS REALITY.

THIS IS MY LIFE.
UH...STILL LOOKING FOR A GOOD SHOT.
SOMETHING WRONG WITH YOUR TRIGGER FINGER, SOLDIER?
AIN'T NO SUCH THING AS A BAD ONE, TAKI.
THIS IS CRAZY. THIS CASSIDY IS JUST A KID.
SORRY, GIRL.
ZZAK
BUT THIS IS GOING TO BE TOO CLOSE FOR COMFORT.

I BET YOU PROBABLY THOUGHT TRACKING US DOWN WAS A GOOD IDEA.
BIG MISTAKE!
NNNNN...
BASTARDS!
POWER DON'T MEAN MUCH, IF YOU DON'T KNOW YOUR WAY AROUND A BATTLEFIELD.
AAAAAH!
LILY!

BACK OFF, CREEP!
I NEVER USED TO STICK UP FOR MYSELF BEFORE.
I WENT OUT OF MY WAY TO AVOID CONFRONTATION.
AND NOW, I'M FIGHTING FOR THE FIRST TIME IN MY LIFE. FIGHTING FOR SOMETHING MORE THAN JUST MYSELF.
MUCH MORE.

REALLY CRACKED OPEN A HORNET'S NEST HERE, SIR.
CONTAIN THE SITUATION. BAG AT LEAST ONE HOSTILE WITHOUT LETHAL FORCE.
AND THE REST?
BY ANY MEANS NECESSARY.
BZZAK
NNGHH!
NAILED HER! HEY, TAKI! HOW ABOUT A HAND GETTING THIS FISH BACK INTO OUR BOAT?
LET. HER. GO!

A LITTLE HELP HERE...?
SURE. YOU HEARD HER... LET THE GIRL GO.
ARE YOU OUT OF YOUR FRIGGIN MIND?!
NO. BUT YOU MIGHT BE REAL SOON.
SCREW YOU, TRAITOR.
BZZZZBZZZZBZZZZAAAK

DAMMIT.
I KNEW TAKI WAS GOING TO BE TROUBLE.
CONVERGE ON OUR PRIMARY TARGET.
RIGHT BEHIND YOU, GRIFF.
QUITE THE COINCIDENCE...

...SO AM I.
KRAK

I'LL PROVIDE SOME COVER. YOU TWO GO FOR THAT DOOR.
THINK WE CAN MAKE IT, LILY?
AREN'T YOU TIRED OF RUNNING? TIRED OF HIDING?
I AM.
LILY!
WHAT IS SHE DOING?
WHAT AM I DOING?

GAAAAH!
HOW DO YOU LIKE IT? BEING AFRAID?
KNOWING THAT YOUR LIFE IS OVER?
NEVERMIND. I DON'T REALLY CARE.
LILY, DON'T--

--IT'S OVER.
STATUS REPORT. GRIFF? LAZARIO?
REPORT.
YOUR MISSION HAS FAILED. YOUR FORCES ARE DEFEATED.
WHO ARE YOU?
SOMEONE WHO WAS AROUND LONG BEFORE YOU WERE BORN. SOMEONE WHO WILL BE AROUND LONG AFTER YOU ARE GONE.
KEEP THAT IN MIND BEFORE YOU DECIDE TO GO TO WAR WITH US.
LOST

YEAH, THAT SOUNDS LIKE ME, DOESN'T IT?
LETTING ME LIVE AIN'T GONNA GIVE YOU A FREE PASS OR NOTHING. WE'LL COME FOR YOU. COUNT ON IT.
AGAIN-- TELL ME SOMETHING I DON'T KNOW.
YOU'RE SO SCREWED, TAKI. PLAIN AND SIMPLE.
TELL ME SOMETHING I DON'T KNOW.
WHAT NOW? YOU GOING TO EXECUTE THE LOT OF US?
LOOKS BAD. DOES IT HURT?
ONLY WHEN I MOVE IT.
YOU'RE WING WILL HEAL, BUT A SCAR WILL REMAIN. A REMINDER OF BATTLE.
LIKE I COULD EVER FORGET.
WHAT?
SORRY. IT'S JUST THAT-- I'M CONFUSED. YOU'RE ONE OF THEM, AREN'T YOU?

I WAS. BUT THINGS CHANGE.
YOU GOT THAT RIGHT. LOOK AT ME.
I AM. I THINK YOU-- I THINK ALL OF YOU ARE... AMAZING.
TRUST ME, WE'RE NO ANGELS.
AND, NOT THAT I DON'T APPRECIATE YOU NOT SHOOTING ME AND ALL, BUT I GOTTA ASK--WHY? WHY THE CHANGE OF HEART?
BECAUSE I BELIEVE IN MAGIC.
ALWAYS HAVE. JUST DIDN'T KNOW IT UNTIL NOW.
YOU REALLY SHOULD GET GOING.
WHAT ABOUT YOU? WHERE WILL YOU GO? WHAT WILL YOU DO?
I DON'T KNOW.
BUT IT FEELS GOOD. FOR THE FIRST TIME IN MY LIFE, I HAVE A NEW SENSATION.
WHAT'S THAT?
HOPE.

YOU OKAY? YOU'VE HARDLY SAID A WORD SINCE WE LEFT JOHANNESBURG.
WHICH-- LET'S FACE IT--IS NOT LIKE YOU.
JUST AS IT'S NOT LIKE YOU TO START A CONVERSATION.
THAT'S NOT AN ANSWER.
YOU'VE HAD MORE TIME TO GET USED TO ALL OF THIS, LILY. I'M STILL TRYING TO FIGURE IT OUT.
WE'RE ALL FOLLOWING MIYA, BUT WHILE YOU MIGHT FEEL LIKE YOU ARE ON THE SAME PATH--FOR ME, IT FEELS LIKE I MIGHT JUST BE ALONG FOR THE RIDE.

"I DON'T KNOW WHERE MY PLACE IS.
"AND I AM PROBABLY NOT GOING TO FIND IT IN THERE."
THIS IS IT. A PLACE OF GREAT POWER. I CAN FEEL THE MAGICAL ENERGY COMING FROM WITHIN.
THERE YOU SHALL FIND THE WAY, MIYA.
"IS MIYA SCARED OF ANYTHING?"
IF SHE IS, SHE'D NEVER SHOW IT.
WHAT DO YOU THINK THIS IS ALL ABOUT?
DON'T KNOW. WHATEVER IT IS--

--IT'S PERSONAL.
FATHER, EVEN AFTER YOUR DEATH, YOU HAVE BEEN WITH ME. EVERY STEP OF THE WAY FOR ALL OF THESE CENTURIES.
NOW, THE TIME HAS COME FOR YOU TO RETURN--IN BODY AND SPIRIT.
IT'S... WORKING...!

SOMETHING IS WRONG, EVANI.

I DON'T UNDERSTAND. WHAT HAPPENED?
EVANI?
MIYA, YOU LIKE TO SPEAK OF OUR DUTY AND THE ROLES WE ARE MEANT TO PLAY. YOU ARE A GREAT BELIEVER IN DESTINY.
RAAAWR!
BEHOLD THE END OF YOUR DESTINY.
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"BONE CRUSHER"

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MIYA AND EVANI HAVE BEEN IN THERE AN AWFULLY LONG TIME. MAYBE, WE SHOULD GO CHECK ON THEM.
MAYBE YOU SHOULD LISTEN BETTER. SHE SAID TO WAIT OUT HERE.
JUST BECAUSE SHE DOESN'T ASK FOR HELP DOESN'T MEAN SHE DOESN'T NEED SOME.
MIYA IS STRONGER THAN ALL OF US PUT TOGETHER. IF THERE'S ONE THING I KNOW ABOUT HER--SHE CAN TAKE CARE OF HERSELF.
KRKKSHH
MIYA?
LEAVE... ALL OF YOU. BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE.
WHAT'S WRONG?
EVERYTHING.
GRRRR

KRROOAARR!

OH MY GOD!
AHHHHH!
WH-WHAT IS IT?!
A MONSTER. BORN FROM THE DARKEST SORCERY.

"BY THE HANDS OF SOMEONE I TRUSTED."

EVANI!
I KEPT YOU AT MY SIDE. CARED FOR YOU. PROTECTED YOU.
AND YOU BETRAY ME?

PLEASE, I NEVER NEEDED YOU TO PROTECT ME. I'M STRONGER THAN YOU COULD POSSIBLY IMAGINE.
YOU SAID IT YOURSELF, MIYA. WE ALL HAVE OUR PATHS TO FOLLOW.
THIS IS MINE. ONE THAT LEADS TO GREAT POWER.
UNFORTUNATELY, IT IS A PATH THAT MUST GO RIGHT...

...THROUGH...

...YOU.
OUR MAGIC ISN'T DOING ANY GOOD! WHAT CAN WE DO, MIYA?
MIYA? MIYA?!
MIYA... DEAR MIYA.
YOU DON'T NEED TO FIGHT ANYMORE.
I AM HERE TO PROTECT YOU. COME TO ME, MY CHILD.
FATHER?

WHMPP
NNNN...!
LET GO OF ME! LET GO!
NOW!!!

YOU CRAZY WITCH. I ALWAYS KNEW YOU WEREN'T REALLY A PART OF THE TEAM.
ALWAYS STRUTTING AROUND, THINKING YOU'RE BETTER THAN THE REST OF US.
OH, BUT I AM BETTER THAN YOU.
THERE ARE POWERS AT PLAY HERE THAT ARE BEYOND ANYTHING YOU CAN COMPREHEND.

YOU CAN'T EVEN SEE HOW INSIGNIFICANT YOUR ROLE IS IN ALL OF THIS.
NOTHING BUT A BUG TO BE SWATTED.
=OOPH...!=
HERE. STAY WITH ME, LILY.

RRAWAWWRR!
AHH!!
CASS!
KKRSSHH
=HNNGH!=
PLEASE... NO...I DON'T WANT TO DIE...

MIYA...
DO NOT FIGHT IT, MIYA.
OBLIVION MUST COME TO US ALL.
THERE, WE CAN BE TOGETHER AGAIN.
FOREVER.
I'M SORRY, FATHER.

BUT, YOU ARE DEAD TO ME!
AAAWWRRRRRR!

I'M OKAY!
IF YOU CAN CALL BEING BURIED UNDER A PILE OF BONES "OKAY."
WELL DONE, MIYA. YOU ONLY MANAGED TO KILL *SOME* OF YOUR FOLLOWERS.
THIS IS ALL YOUR DOING, EVANI. YOU CREATED THIS CREATURE.
ONLY WITH YOUR HELP.
TELL ME, WHAT ELSE DID YOU THINK COULD BE BORN FROM YOUR POISONED SOUL?

LIAR!
LIAR...
I'M STILL SEEING SPOTS, BUT AT LEAST I CAN MAKE OUT SHAPES.
WHAT HAPPENED?
EVANI DISAPPEARED.
WHAT ABOUT THE CREATURE?
IT'S OVER.

LATER.

MIYA?
I...UM...
THE OTHERS ARE GATHERED AT THE BOTTOM OF THE RIDGE, CASSIDY.
I KNOW. I WAS JUST-- I MEAN--
I WANTED TO SEE IF YOU WERE OKAY.

MY FATHER HAS BEEN DEAD FOR CENTURIES. I KEPT A PART OF HIM WITH ME ALL THIS TIME, BELIEVING IT WOULD KEEP HIS MEMORY ALIVE.
IT DID.
BUT ONLY HIS END. ONLY THE BRUTALITY SURROUNDING HIS DEATH.
THIS SKULL IS A SOURCE OF MY ANGER. OF MY VENGEANCE AGAINST THE EVIL MAGIC THAT TOOK HIM FROM ME.
HE DESERVES MORE THAN THAT. HE DESERVES TO BE REMEMBERED FOR THE MAN HE WAS IN LIFE.
IT'S WAY PAST TIME I PUT HIM TO REST-- SO THAT HIS SPIRIT MAY BE AT PEACE.
MAYBE HIS ISN'T THE ONLY SPIRIT THAT CAN FIND PEACE NOW.
I HOPE YOU ARE RIGHT.

THE EVERLANDS.
"SO, YOU HAVE RETURNED TO ME."
YES. I HAVE DONE AS YOU ASKED. MIYA'S WILL HAS BEEN BROKEN.
BROKEN, BUT NOT DESTROYED.
NO. SHE STILL LIVES, BUT HER SPIRIT HAS TAKEN A CRUSHING BLOW.
HER POWER HAS BEEN REDUCED. SHE NO LONGER POSES A THREAT TO YOUR DESIRES.
MINE ARE NOT DESIRES, EVANI.

THEY ARE DESTINIES.

SEVERAL WEEKS LATER.
THIS SUCKS. CAN'T BELIEVE MIYA JUST DITCHED US LIKE THAT.
NO GOODBYE. NO NOTHING. I MEAN--WHAT'S THAT ABOUT?
IT'S BEEN WEEKS. YOU'VE GOT TO GET OVER IT, LILY. IF ANYONE NEEDED A BREAK FROM EVERYTHING, IT WAS HER.
YOU HAVE TO REMEMBER THAT SHE'S BEEN DEALING WITH THIS STUFF WAY LONGER THAN WE HAVE. LIKE CENTURIES.
I KNOW. AND I WASN'T LOOKING TO NO MOTHER FIGURE OR ANYTHING, BUT IT WAS COOL HAVING SOME DIRECTION. YOU KNOW?
YEAH. BUT, MAYBE IT'S TIME WE STARTED ANSWERING SOME OF THOSE QUESTIONS OURSELVES.
OR I COULD ORDER YOU AROUND IF YOU'D LIKE.
FAT CHANCE.
GET YOU LADIES ANYTHING ELSE?
WE'RE COOL.

GOOD. CUZ BREAK TIME IS OVER.
GET THEM DISHES INTO THE KITCHEN AND GET BACK TO WORK. LUNCH CROWD WILL BE HITTING SOON.
AND DON'T FORGET TO WIPE THE TABLE DOWN. SLOBS.
LOOK WHO'S TALKING.
QUIET. GUS WILL HEAR YOU.
LET HIM. IT'S REALLY TAKING ALL MY ENERGY NOT TO SLAP HIS PIG FACE.
YOU HAVE TO JUST TRY HARDER. WE LOSE THESE JOBS-- WE LOSE OUR APARTMENT.
THINK ABOUT THAT.
FINE. BUT HE PUTS HIS HANDS ON ME, I'M RIPPING HIS ARMS OFF.
DULY NOTED.
THE END.